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BEN GURION CALLS FOR TOTAL MOBILIZATION FOR WAR; WARNS OF NEW ARAB ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The total mobilization of Jewish manpower, funds, scientific skill and technical ability to prosecute and end the Arab war on the Jews of Palestine was demanded this week-end by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency, at an extraordinary meeting of the Mapai -- Palestine Labor Party. He called for the fullest cooperation of all strata of society in village and city in order to stretch to the ultimate the meager supplies available to the Jews.

The Agency chief said that the first round of the war had ended in failure for the Arabs, but warned that they are preparing for renewed and stronger attacks. "To this we shall reply with force, not only in the Jewish areas of Palestine but in the Arab areas and in those countries where Arab bands are concentrating," he declared.

He charged British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin's policy as a "double-cross" and attacked those Zionists who "demand an orientation to either bloc -- East or West." These groups, he continued, "undermine the very foundations of the Jewish state. The Jewish people as an entity must lean solely on the United Nations, which is the world's conscience as well as its hope for democracy."

18 Jews and Arabs Die During Week-End Violence

At least eighteen Jews and Arabs were killed this week-end in a number of Arab attacks on Jewish traffic and Haganah operations against the headquarters of Arab guerrilla units. In Haifa, three Arabs were killed today and one seriously injured in a fight which broke out after several Arabs fired on a party of Jews. The police broke up the melee, but not before they had come under fire from both sides.

Two Jews were killed and the food trucks which they were driving were completely burned out after an Arab attack on the vehicles in Upper Galilee. One of the Jews was found alive, with both arms and an ear severed, but died en route to a hospital. Another Jew died in a similar ambush on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road.

Ten Arabs died when the Haganah blew up a base of a large band operating in Upper Galilee. At Ein Zeitim, a new attack was beaten off after a battle that lasted from early morning to late afternoon, and two Arab houses were blown up in nearby Safad after a Jew was wounded by sniper fire from one of the homes. On the Tel Aviv-Jaffa border heavy sniping continued and several Jews were badly wounded, while in Jerusalem two Jewish shops were blasted and later an Arab-owned store was blown up in retaliation.

It was reported today that the long and protracted negotiations to proclaim Jerusalem an open city have failed following rejection of such a proposal by Arab leaders, who feared that a truce would weaken the morale of Arab fighters. A Jewish Agency spokesman disclosed that Arabs had hidden thirty tons of high explosives -- enough to destroy the entire Old City -- in Arab Holy Places in the city. The explosives were taken from a military dump east of Latrun to Transjordan and returned the next day to the Old City, he charged.

SECURITY COUNCIL POSTPONES DISCUSSION OF PALESTINE; NEGOTIATIONS ON MILITIA CONTINUE

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The Security Council has postponed its discussion of the Palestine issue until Tuesday for technical reasons, it was announced here during the week-end. Previously, the Council was scheduled to begin work on the first progress report of the Implementation Commission, which was submitted to the Council last week, as the first point of its agenda tomorrow. Simultaneously, it was understood here that the Palestine Commission will have completed its special report on the Palestine security situation by Tuesday.

During the week-end, it was also revealed that the five-member commission will ask the British to permit it to undertake four specific steps in preparation for the formation of militias for the Jewish and Arab states in advance of the British surrender of the Mandate. The four steps, outlined by the Commission as "preparatory," are: 1. Designation of cantonment areas; 2. Recruitment; 3. Training; 4. Equipment.

The Commission's decision to make a formal request concerning the four "preparatory" stages followed a report by Philippine delegate Vicente J. Francisco, who has been negotiating with British representatives here on the question of creating a militia before May 15. Sen. Francisco stated that the British Government wanted more specific information as to what the Commission meant by "preparatory" steps. Other points on which negotiations between Sen. Francisco and the British continue include the eventual disposition of arms, equipment and stores owned by the Palestine police force.

41 AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS APPEAL TO TRUMAN TO AID IN SPEEDING PARTITION

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The presidents of 41 national Jewish organizations called on President Truman today to act on a five-point program speeding partition of Palestine in accordance with the United Nations decision. The proposals, transmitted through the American Jewish Conference, asked that:

1. The United States take the lead in the Security Council for the immediate organization and dispatch of an international force to Palestine and the allotment of arms for the proposed Jewish militia.

2. The United States urge the U.N. Implementation Commission to proceed to Palestine at once.

3. The United States act together with other U.N. members to halt "threatened aggression" by the Arab states, "in contravention of their obligations under the U.N. Charter."

4. The United States modify its arms embargo so that arms may be sent immediately from America to those persons who defend the U.N. decision and withheld from those attacking it.

5. The United States protest to the British Government against its failure to discharge its responsibilities for maintaining law and order in Palestine and its "persistent obstruction" to the U.N. decision.

Pointing to the urgency of the problem of security in Palestine until the Jewish state is established, the message declared that the Jews had offered their own manpower for enforcement of partition, but had assumed they would "not have to fight with bare hands."

BRITISH JEWS FEAR NEW SLANDER CAMPAIGN, POSSIBLE VIOLENCE AS MOSLEY ORGANIZES NEW PARTY

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The possibility that British Jews may experience mob violence and suffer an unbridled campaign of defamation and intimidation such as hit the Jews of Germany and other countries of Europe during the Hitlerian regime was foreseen here today in some Jewish circles following the formal organization last night of a Union Movement by Sir Oswald Mosley, pre-war British fascist leader. Mosley announced his new party at a meeting of some 500 persons representing 51 fascist groups which will be merged into the new organization.

Unusually large numbers of policemen were assigned to guard the school in which the meeting was held. Meanwhile a rally of the Association of Jewish Ex-Service men was held in a nearby street at the same time. On the wall of the school had been chalked in three-foot letters: "Mosley speaks here, an insult to our children."

U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS GENOCIDE CONVENTION TODAY

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council may begin a discussion tomorrow of a draft convention on genocide for submission to the General Assembly at its next session and for the approval of member states of the U.N., it was indicated here.

Urging speedy drafting of a convention to outlaw mass murder of a people, the World Jewish Congress in a memorandum submitted to the Council over the week-end asked that emphasis be placed on "methods for preventing genocide, rather than upon punishment after a crime has been committed." The Congress asked that members of the U.N. pledge themselves to disband "both those groups which have participated in acts of genocide and groups which conduct propaganda tending to incite to genocide."

The New York Times, in an editorial, declared that "the blood of many millions cries out" for strong action condemning genocide. "We hope the Council, in dealing with this matter, will not be timid," the Times adds.

The New York Herald Tribune asserted that it is still necessary to state, "in plain and solemn terms, by formal international instrument," that the "wanton murder of a people is murder of the most heinous sort." The Tribune urged that "it is time to end the inexplicable delays in the United Nations in coming to grips with the problem. It is impossible for the world to give, any longer, the appearance of tacit acceptance of such an evil."

U.J.A. DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ITALY; INSPECTS ROME TRAINING CENTERS, MILAN CAMPS

ROME, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal delegation of thirty-eight American Jewish leaders on a survey of conditions in Europe and Palestine arrived here today and set out at once to visit ten training centers for Jewish refugees at Ostia, near here.

The delegation arrived in Italy yesterday and visited the Ciari transit camp near Milan where 1,200 Jewish refugees are maintained solely by the Joint Distribution Committee. The refugees receive no assistance from the International Refugee Organization.

AUTHORITIES IN BRITISH ZONE PERMIT OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR JEWS OUTSIDE DP CAMPS

HANOVER, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- After four months of intensive negotiations, the British authorities have agreed to permit the ORT to establish schools for Jews living outside the DP camps in the British zone of Germany, it was announced here. The first such vocational schools were opened in Brunswick and Lueneburg. Others will be opened in Dusseldorf, Cologne and Hamburg.

B'NAI B'RITH MEMBERSHIP INCREASES TO OVER 300,000; NEW ORGANIZATION DRIVE LAUNCHED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the B'nai B'rith reaffirmed its support of the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 DP's of all faiths to this country during a four-year period and pledged its support of President Truman's 10-point program on civil rights at a meeting here.

Frank Goldman, president, reported that the organization has grown to a national membership of 203,000 men and 103,000 women. The executive voted a new organizing drive and the establishment of multiple lodges in large communities which now have only one B'nai B'rith lodge. It also decided to establish a "Jewish Pulitzer Prize" for persons of any faith who produce outstanding works in art, music or literature which contribute most to Jewish culture.

AGUDAS ISRAEL LAUNCHES $400,000 CAMPAIGN FOR JERUSALEM RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

LONDON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- An emergency campaign to raise $400,000 for religious institutions in Jerusalem has been launched here following a conference of Agudas Israel leaders. At the same time, the conference appealed to the United Nations to put an "end to the bloodshed in Jerusalem by the appointment of a governor."

Arab students here have launched a campaign to raise funds "to help the Arabs of Palestine." The money, which the students claim will be spent for medical supplies, will be turned over to the Arab office here. Meanwhile, the Arabs have turned to anti-Semitic and pro-fascist organizations in their first appeal for funds.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ASKS U.S. INITIATIVE ON PALESTINE ISSUE AT UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- United States initiative at the United Nations to ensure the success of the U.N. decision to partition Palestine was urged today in a communication to President Truman from Mrs. Joseph M. Welt, president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

U.S. representatives on the Security Council, Mrs. Welt advocated, should initiate action to "brand the Arab nations as aggressors in Palestine" and impose sanctions against them as defined in the U.N. Charter. She argued that the Jewish defense forces in Palestine should be equipped in accordance with the recommendation of the U.N. Implementation Commission and that an international force should be organized and sent to Palestine.

NEW ENGLAND ZIONIST CONFERENCE URGES LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO ON PALESTINE

BOSTON, Feb. 8. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government was urged this week-end to lift the embargo on arms shipments to Palestine and make available supplies needed by the Jewish defenders, in a resolution adopted at a special emergency regional meeting here of New England Zionist leaders.

Other resolutions called on the United Nations to raise immediately an international army to implement the partition plan and demanded that the United States and the United Nations give stern warning to the Arab world against sabotaging the Palestine decision.

In an address at the conference, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, declared that "Britain's attempt to smear Zion by trotting out the Communist bogey may fool their own people but will not hoodwink the American public." He called the declaration of the Arab Higher Committee threatening to declare war on the United Nations if its decision on Palestine is implemented "a new high in Arab effrontery which should be met by action in the Security Council."

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